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A REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

SYNOPSIS OF THE WORK OF THIS YEAR'S TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.

The Meetings Much Livelier Than in Previous Years—A Great Deal of Work Done by the Sub-Committees.

On Monday evening, the 29th inst., the annual town meeting will be held, when the members of the Township Committee will render an account of their stewardship for the past fiscal year. The year has been an eventful one, and a brief review of matters that have come up for consideration will perhaps prove of interest to the people generally.

The very first question the Committee had to deal with was of a political nature. The contest in the Third Ward between T. Winsor Langstroth (Republican) and Edwin A. Rayner (Democrat) resulted in a tie. The Republicans were in the majority in the Committee, and were urged by their political advisers to exercise their prerogative and appoint the Republican candidate as a member of their body. Some of the members felt a little delicacy about carrying partisanship to that extreme, and it was decided to hold a new election. Mr. Rayner (Democrat) was successful.

The moving of the Township Committee's place of meeting from Dodd's Hall to the present place was the next matter of importance. The question was put to a vote, and the Committee was unanimous in favor of moving. The reasons given for it were that the rooms in Dodd's Hall were not easy of access to taxpayers, and their sanitary condition was unpleasant. The change seems to have met with popular approval. Considerable expense was incurred in moving and fitting up new quarters, all of which had to come out of the contingent account. It will no doubt be regarded as a wise expenditure by the majority of taxpayers.

At the very first meeting in the year, the Committee had to deal with the sewerage question. A sub-committee from the Montclair Township Committee came before them and submitted a proposition to join with Orange and Montclair in the construction of an outlet sewer for the use of the three towns. Messrs. Rudd and Halfpenny were appointed a sub-committee on sewerage, to meet with the Montclair Committee, and in the latter part of May formal application was made to the Orange City Council for the privilege of joining in the outlet sewer. The question was submitted to a public meeting on June 22, and the Committee was directed to cooperate with Orange, Bloomfield's share of the cost not to exceed \$30,000. Early in July Engineers Bassett and Owen were employed to collect data and do other necessary preliminary work in connection with the sewer. They were paid \$500 for their labor. The contract was signed in November. Its terms have been published. Opinions differ as to the wisdom of the Committee's action in making a contract with Orange, on the ground that while this town pays an indefinite pro-rata share of the expense it has no voice in the management of the work, which is vested exclusively in the Orange officials. Work on the outlet sewer has not commenced, owing to threatened litigation with Belleville. The Committee are now engaged in trying to secure an outlet into the river at Woodside.

The Committee held several very exciting meetings in the early part of the year, when the Auditing Committee presented the report of Expert Accountant Stevens, showing the result of his examination of the Collector's books. Mr. Stevens charged Mr. Marr with a shortage of \$1,400. Mr. Marr disputed the correctness of his figures and retained Joseph L. Munn and E. S. Wilde as his counsel to review the report. Mr. Munn reported in January of this year that he had finished the work. It is alleged that he has found a large number of errors in the expert's report, and that the town will be indebted to Mr. Marr to the extent of several hundred dollars. The Auditing Committee will submit the whole matter to the Township Committee, who will decide on the acceptance or rejection of Mr. Stevens' report. The investigation has cost the township about \$1,600.

The wholesale dismissal of the police force of the town was another exciting episode in the history of the year. The police refused to act when called upon by the Chairman of the Committee, and they were summarily dismissed and their places filled with new men, with the exception of James Foster, who, at the request of Mr. Rayner, was retained. The appropriation for police purposes has been largely overdrawn this year.

The work of making a correct survey of the streets of the town and establishing their grades, which has been talked of for several years, was begun by the Committee this year, and the engineers, Messrs. Olmstead & Cady, are at latest reports making satisfactory progress. Several competitors put in bids for the

work. When the first lot of bids were opened it was found that engineers differed widely as to the estimated cost of the work. The bids ranged from \$75 to \$150 per mile. Certain members of the Committee contended that the low-priced man could not do the work at the figure named. New bids were called for, and to the astonishment of the Committee still lower figures were obtained, coming down to about \$53 per mile.

Owing to lack of harmony among the members of the Committee in the commencement of the year some difficulty was experienced in making up the sub-committees, particularly the Committee on road work. Contractors McDowell and O'Rourke were the lowest bidders for the stone-road work, but the sub-committee appointed by the Chairman disagreed in the selection of a contractor. The Committee resigned, a new one was appointed and new bids for the work called for. The first bids were remarkably low. The second call for bids was responded to by only two contractors, and the prices were much higher. The Road Committee was not satisfied with the bids, and they issued a third call for new ones. Contractor Bruett was the lowest bidder this time, but the contract was awarded to Wright & Lindsey.

The distribution of the road money in the several wards provoked lively discussion, particularly the Ridgewood Avenue apportionment, over which Messrs. Rayner and Rudd crossed swords.

More stone road has been constructed during the past year than in any previous one. There is much difference of opinion as to its quality, the general impression being that the stone is not of sufficient depth.

The purchase of a road-scraping machine at a cost of about \$350 enabled the Road Committee to do a great deal of work on dirt roads, and more streets received attention than could have been attended to under the old method.

Unanimity has not been a feature in the transactions of this year's Committee. The calling of the roll and recording of the votes very rarely happened in the proceedings of former Committees. During the year just passed the Clerk has had frequent occasion to call the roll, and the Chairman has several times cast the deciding vote. A notable instance of this was in connection with removing the obstruction to the opening of Newark Avenue at Franklin Street.

The question of procuring a better water supply at a lower price has been discussed by the Committee, and preliminary action has been taken. While the existing contract with the Orange Water Company does not expire for some time, the Committee thought it prudent to obtain all the information possible so as to be in a position to make a contract more favorable to the town and to private consumers than the present one.

The usual amount of stone sidewalk has been laid during the year, and there has been an improvement in the quality of material and workmanship. There is a growing feeling of apprehension with regard to the legality of the assessment for sidewalk purposes, and it was feared that some one would carry the matter into court. One citizen claims that he has been petitioning for three years or more for a sidewalk, and has paid taxes enough for sidewalk purposes to more than defray the cost of putting down the walk.

The affairs of the Fire Department have gone along smoothly through the year, with the exception of a little difficulty with Active Hose Company No. 2, occasioned by the refusal of the Chairman of the Fire Committee to recommend the purchase by the town of the company's parade carriage. Two new hose carriages and the securing of a horse for the Chief Engineer's use in attending fires, are among the improvements made during the year.

The Committee are at present engaged in an effort to reduce the cost of street-lighting. The Montclair Gas and Water Company has offered a reduction of about \$1.55 per lamp from present rates, provided a three years' contract is executed with the company.

Electric light companies have also made very favorable propositions to the Committee.

A Loan Exhibition.

It is suggested that the ladies of this town arrange a loan exhibition. The town is said to contain works of art, and bric-a-brac enough to make a very interesting exhibition. Before the seats are placed in the new Westminster Church that edifice might be used for the purpose, Morristown has just held a very profitable and entertaining affair of this kind. The Citizen suggests as the most suitable object to benefit by the exhibition the Mountaineer Hospital.

Frightened Away.

A burglar gained entrance to the cellar of the residence of John Leiss on Bassinger Street last Tuesday night. He was discovered, but made his escape.

An Early Morning Fire.

The saloon of Alfred Ernst, at No. 108 Orange Street, was discovered to be on fire at 2.30 o'clock on Wednesday morning. The blaze was evidently started by an incendiary, who had placed paper soaked with kerosene oil under the stoop of the pool room and set fire to it. Officer Foster sounded the alarm from box 69, and the fire department quickly responded, extinguishing the fire without much difficulty. Damage \$300, insured. Active's hose burst three times, and there is much complaint from some of the members on account of the lack of new hose.

About two months ago the saloon was filled with smoke, and upon investigation it was discovered that some one had gone into the cellar and set fire to a bundle of rags and had placed them, together with some straw, directly under the floor of the building. The fire was extinguished. It is thought that Ernst has some enemies who are trying to burn him out.

How We Will Vote This Spring.

No ballot can be received by the election officers at the spring election unless enclosed in an official envelope. The Township Clerk must furnish official envelopes at the expense of the township. To use any other color than a white paper renders the ballot void.

To make any designating marks on a ballot renders it void.

It is lawful to scratch a name on a ballot, but if a name is substituted it must be written with ink or pencil, black in color. Any other color renders the whole ballot void.

The Township Committee has nothing to do with the printing of the ballots.

Any mark, sign or device put upon the envelope by a voter makes the enclosed ballot void.

No notice of nominations has to be given to the Town Clerk. There is a clear field for independent candidates.

Any one can nominate and any one can print a ticket, but the tickets must be printed in a particular way, as prescribed by law.

Ballots must be printed on plain white paper with black ink after the manner and style prescribed in section 32 of the act of 1890.

John Grace's Brave Act.

As John Grace, a resident of Fairview, was returning from work on Tuesday evening some boys told him that Freddie Shuldise of Berkeley Avenue had broken through the ice in the canal near the aqueduct, and was drowning. Grace ran to the canal, and plunged in the water, as the ice was not strong enough to bear him. He rescued young Shuldise as he was going down for the third time. Grace deserves a medal from the Humane Society.

Married in Newark.

George W. Allen of Grove Street was married to Miss Sophie Joekel of Eighth Avenue, Newark, at the residence of the bride on Wednesday night, by the Rev. Chas. A. Cook of the Baptist Church. The bride was handsomely attired in cream cashmere en train. Many handsome and useful presents were received by the happy couple. After a short wedding trip they will reside in Bloomfield.

He Saw Snakes.

George Creed, who said he had no home, was arrested by Officer Baldwin on Saturday night, charged with disorderly conduct. Creed was on the verge of delirium tremens, and stood on Orange Street cursing and swearing at the top of his voice. He was taken before Justice Post, who committed him to the penitentiary for ninety days.

Killed Their Chickens.

Two dogs, supposed to have been owned by an Italian, made a tour of the Bowers on Sunday morning and destroyed a number of chickens and ducks belonging to residents of Glenwood Avenue. The owners of the chickens were Theodore Stevens and Luman G. Post. The dogs were finally shot by William Croose.

Francis Law Elected Vice-President.

Francis Law was elected Vice-President of the Board of Trustees of the Watessing Free Public Library Association on Wednesday night to fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. A. Dalley.

Ahead of Montclair.

Montclair and Morristown are rivals for hospitalities at the hands of the D. L. & W. R. Co. Morristown has scored one ahead. The aisles of the Morristown express are carpeted.

Married in Canada.

The parents of Thomas Ferguson of No. 91 Belleville Avenue received a letter from him last week announcing that he had been married to a young lady of Cornwall, Ontario.

Our celebrated \$2 shoe reduced to \$1.75, in all widths and styles, at Shoenthal's, 312 Glenwood Avenue.—Adv.

A BURGLAR CAPTURED.

Caught Robbing R. S. Rudd's Stable at Ridgewood Avenue—Officer Mahoney's Chase.

A well-dressed colored man, who gave his name as William Brown, aged thirty-nine, and said that he lived in Philadelphia, entered the stable of Robert S. Rudd on Ridgewood Avenue last Saturday afternoon and stole two sets of harness, a seal skin cap, a pair of gloves, and a black robe, valued in all at about fifty dollars. Michael Prout, Mr. Rudd's coachman, was at dinner at the time, and the barking of the dog caused him to go to the stable. He saw that the harness was missing and instantly suspected the man he had seen. Prout went after the fellow, who upon seeing him coming dropped a large valise and started to run. Prout shouted "Burglars!" and his cries were heard by Officer Mahoney. The latter gave chase and captured the man near the G. L. R. B. depot at Montclair.

Mahoney took him to the Montclair police station and from there brought him before Justice Post. Brown pleaded guilty, and said in extenuation of his crime that he was out of work and had no money, so thought he would steal. The Justice committed him to jail to await the action of the Grand Jury. The stolen goods were found in the valise.

Robbed in Verona.

Dr. W. F. Harrison, the well-known veterinary surgeon of Broad Street, stopped at Max Lisenberg's store in Verona at half-past seven o'clock on Saturday night, and during his absence from the buggy some one stole therefrom a satchel containing surgical instruments, valued at \$100, a whip and blanket. A valuable fur robe the thief neglected to take, and it is likely that he was frightened away before securing it. A suspicious character was seen about the place at the time, and this man is now being watched. A reward will be paid by the doctor for the recovery of the stolen articles.

To Hold the Spring Election in April.

A bill has been passed by the Legislature which provides that all municipal elections in all cities and townships in counties of the first-class shall be held on the second Tuesday in April. The new law is to make uniform the date of holding municipal elections in such counties, and the Freeholders will be elected at the same time. The bill now awaits the signature of the Governor to become a law. If it is signed, Bloomfield's election will be postponed until April.

Elected Directors.

The Allen Paper Car Wheel Company, incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey, held its annual meeting in the directors' room of the Bloomfield National Bank on Wednesday morning, and elected the following directors for the ensuing year: Frederick T. Brown, Horace Porter, Samuel Elliot and W. P. Fleuhrer of New York; John W. Doane and Charles H. Antes of Chicago; John Gillette of Hudson, N. Y.; and James C. Beach and G. Lee Stout of Bloomfield.

Saved from Drowning.

Joseph Garabrant, a son of D. G. Garabrant of Williamson Avenue, had a narrow escape from drowning in the Morris Canal on Monday afternoon. On his way home from school he crossed the canal on the ice and ventured under the Liberty Street bridge, where the ice was thin. He broke through and was sinking when he was rescued by John Higgins, who lives near by.

Will be Married Next Thursday.

The marriage of William R. Raab of this place and Miss Marie Frederik of Montclair will take place at seven o'clock next Thursday evening at the residence of W. J. Raab on Bloomfield Avenue. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. H. W. Selbert of the German Presbyterian Church.

Stole His Watch and Chain.

A bold sneak thief entered the residence of Ralph W. Groat, No. 18 Baldwin Street, near the Bloomfield line, at an early hour on Tuesday morning, and stole a gold watch and chain and other articles of value. The case was reported to the Montclair police.

Chicken Thieves on Oakland Avenue.

Chicken thieves visited the henry of John P. Benoit on Oakland Avenue last Tuesday night. The noise made by the fowls frightened them away, however, but not before they had secured material for a Sunday dinner.

Will Go Out of Business.

If the bill before the Legislature preventing any but attorneys from practice before a Justice of the Peace becomes a law, some of Bloomfield's ablest counsellors will have to retire from practice.

Sole agent in this town for W. L. Douglass's shoes. Shoenthal's.—Adv.

A Woman's Relief Corps.

A Woman's Relief Corps was organized at the rooms of W. S. Pierson Post, G. A. R., on Glenwood Avenue Tuesday evening. The organization was well attended. Mrs. J. D. Smith, Department President of New Jersey; Mrs. Mary M. Morse, Department-Treasurer; Miss Hannah Westfall, Department Secretary, and Mrs. Emma Stevens, Department Aid, all of Plainfield, were present and conducted the installation. The President, Mrs. Smith, explained the workings of the order, and said its objects were to assist the Grand Army of the Republic and to perpetuate the memory of the dead. The charter was signed by nineteen women, and the name of the organization will be the Woman's Relief Corps of William S. Pierson Post, No. 9, of Bloomfield. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Peter Ernenwein; Senior Vice-President, Miss Nora M. Hayes; Junior Vice-President, Mrs. Imogene Clark; Secretary, Mrs. Samuel G. Hayter; Treasurer, Mrs. Susan Voorhees; Chaplain, Mrs. F. Emmie Reford; Conductor, Miss May Hart; Assistant Conductor, Mrs. William Baldwin; Guard, Miss Lizzie Raab; Assistant Guard, Mrs. Phoebe L. Price. Any lady in this locality is eligible to membership in the corps.

Prof. Carl's Engagements.

Prof. William C. Carl has been exceedingly busy since his return from Paris. Last week he exhibited a new organ in St. Bridget's Roman Catholic Church, Jersey City. He divides his spare time between his studio at Chickering Hall, New York, Lauter Hall, Newark, and his pupils in this place. Next Monday afternoon he will appear as soloist at Gerrit Smith's recital at the South Dutch Reformed Church, Madison Avenue and Thirty-eighth street, New York, playing most of the programme. On Tuesday he will give a recital at the First Presbyterian Church, Jersey City; Wednesday a recital in the Baptist Tabernacle, New York, and on Saturday he will play at the Lenox Lyceum, New York. On the 22d inst. Prof. Carl will play at the Centenary M. E. Church, Newark.

The Borough of Caldwell.

The citizens of Caldwell, which was recently incorporated under the Borough Act of 1891, elected these officers on Tuesday last: Mayor, Lewis G. Lockwood; Borough Council, Robert C. Byerson, John M. Mead, Edward E. Peck, John Espy; Borough Clerks, Morris B. Lindsey; Assessor, Wm. H. Bush; Collector, M. A. Hoage; Commissioners of Appeal, S. B. Bond, James Best, John H. Dobbins; Judge of Election, S. J. Gould; Inspectors of Election, W. H. H. Condit and Frederick L. Heller. Only one ticket was in the field, the nominations having been made at a citizens' meeting held on the Thursday evening previous.

The officers of the new borough were sworn in on Thursday night by Thomas C. Provost. A committee was appointed to prepare a set of rules to govern the council. Mayor Lockwood was directed to procure a suitable seal for the borough. A committee was also appointed to procure headquarters for the council.

Death of the Rev. Dr. Knox's Brother.

John Jay Knox, President of the Bank of the Republic and ex-Comptroller of the Currency, died at his home, No. 19 East Forty-first street, New York, Tuesday afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock. He had been ill scarcely a day in his life, but on Thursday he took a severe cold, which soon developed into pneumonia. He died surrounded by his wife and six children, his brother, the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Knox, President of the German Theological Seminary of Bloomfield, his nephews, Harry and Charles Knox, and other relatives and friends.

Wants \$100 Damages.

Officer James Foster of this town has begun suit for \$100 damages against Frederick Lopez of East Orange for injuries sustained by his son Robert in being bitten on the leg by a dog belonging to Lopez. The boy went to the home of the latter to deliver groceries and was attacked by the brute and badly injured. Mr. Foster went to Lopez to have the animal killed, but Lopez refused to comply with the request.

Gas to be Two Dollars Per Thousand.

On April 1 the Montclair Gas and Water Company announces that it will reduce the price of gas to \$2.10 per thousand and cubic feet, less a discount of ten cents per thousand, which will be allowed for prompt payment. This is a step in the right direction, and the gas company will probably be a gainer through an increased business.

A "Conundrum Supper."

A "conundrum supper," under the auspices of the King's Daughters, will be held in the parlors of the First Presbyterian Church next Tuesday evening from 6 to 10 o'clock.

Special sale of Men's Shoes \$1.37, at Shoenthal's.—"He fits the feet."—Adv.

"A Dress Rehearsal."

For the pleasure of those who expect to be present at the performance of the operetta, "A Dress Rehearsal," to be given by the ladies of Christ Church Guild for the benefit of the Mountaineer Hospital at the Club-House in Montclair next Tuesday evening, we give in full the cast of the dramatic persons:

Miss Jones.....	Mrs. A. L. Farrington
Mademoiselle Epurard.....	Principal of Grove House Academy.
Mademoiselle Epurard.....	Mrs. Fred T. Camp
Amy Fille.....	Miss Van Buskirk
Clara Wilkins.....	Afterwards Cinderella.
.....	Miss Lella Camp
.....	Afterwards the Prince.
Sarah Ann.....	Miss Arlie Puffer
.....	The Greedy Girl.
Sophonisba Spivins.....	Miss Annie Bowron
.....	The Romantic Girl.
Martha Higgins.....	Miss May Walsh
Garrick Jackson.....	Miss Jennie Walsh
.....	Afterwards Spiteful Sisters.
Mrs. Jarver.....	Election Mistress.
.....	Mrs. James Walsh
Miss Prudence Pinchbeck.....	Miss Millie Freeman
.....	A Visitor.
Rosa Jennings.....	Miss J. Estelle Lockwood
.....	Afterwards Fairy Godmother.
Scholars.....	Miss Maggie Davis
.....	Miss Grace Bailey
.....	Miss Rhoda
.....	Miss E. F. Freeman
.....	Miss Grace Grover
.....	Miss Grace Bailey

The Committee of Arrangements consists of Miss Clark, Miss Ella Clark, Miss Jessie C. Dalrymple and Miss P. A. Dalrymple.

The evening promises to be a very enjoyable one. The tickets are selling rapidly, still there are a few to be had at Mr. Scherff's drug store, with reserved seats. Price, seventy-five cents.

The Mozart Club have kindly offered their services for the evening. Leader, Mr. C. N. Parker. Accompanist for the evening, Mrs. W. A. Holt.

Men as Seamstresses.

A "block" social was the title of a pleasant entertainment given at the residence of Mrs. William Hollenbeck on Westcott Street last Monday night by the Watessing W. C. T. U. The ladies furnished four pieces of calico, cut the requisite size, and needles and thread. The gentlemen were required to sew the pieces together in a quilt block. While there was much pricking of fingers and inward groaning, some of the men surprised the ladies by the dexterity with which they plied the needle. Mr. Masson of Westcott Street won first prize, Uriah Seeley second prize, and Walter Seeley third prize.

A Visit to Jersey City Heights.

Last Wednesday evening over fifty of the members of the Methodist Church at Watessing, accompanied by their pastor, visited the Palisade Methodist Church in Jersey City Heights, in return of a visit of a large delegation from the latter church three weeks ago. The Rev. Mr. Clement was pastor of the Palisade Church three prosperous years, and a warm affection still exists between him and his former congregation.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers of Bloomfield real estate were recorded at the Register's office in Newark recently: John Dougherty to M. S. Page, \$1,000; Joseph Hall to M. Parting, \$100; Louisa Klein to Julius Gemeinert, \$1,500; Christian Maier to Scarlett & Scarlett, \$275; F. C. Osterhout to W. T. Taliaferro, \$1.

Will Employ About Fifty People.

Nathan Russell has sold a tract of land on Midland Avenue, belonging to the Peele estate, to the Cossett Brothers, who are residents of this town. The Messrs. Cossett intend erecting a building for the purpose of manufacturing photographic paper, and will give employment to about fifty hands. The building will be 125 feet in length, and will be completed about April 1.

Destitution in Bloomfield.

A sad case of destitution and want was brought to light by one of the ladies of Christ Episcopal Church on Thursday. A man named Strong, who has been living in one room with his wife and four children at No. 72 Montgomery Street, was without anything to eat for three days. The lady sent them some food yesterday.

Sale of a Large Tract of Land.

Mrs. T. F. Pierson has just sold her entire property lying east of Arlington Avenue and south of the Newark and Bloomfield railroad, to Mr. J. M. Randall, for \$28,500. The tract consists of more than twenty acres of land, and has a frontage of more than a quarter-mile on Arlington Avenue.

A Reception to the New Rector.

A reception was tendered the Rev. Dr. White and wife by the members of Christ Episcopal Church and their friends on Tuesday night at the Guild House. Davis of Orange furnished a collation.

Nearly Lost His Nose.

William McNamara, while cleaning the horse belonging to James Boyne, superintendent of the paper mill, on Tuesday last, had his nose almost bitten off by the animal.

Remember this is the last week of the special sale of Shoes at Shoenthal's.—Adv.

